

The Prelude

December 2016

The American Guild of Organists, Toledo Chapter

Dean's Message

Greetings,

I truly hope this finds you well and that your Thanksgiving was a blessed one!

Our Pedals, Pipes and Pizza event in November was enjoyed by a small but enthusiastic group of children and youth. The event was at Glenwood Lutheran. Thank you to Melissa Flowers and Denise Mathias for their work in planning this event. And, thank you to Denise Mathias, Margaret Currie, Cheryle Knight, Omaldo Perez and Nancy Russell for leading and assisting with the program.

This time of year is always a great one for attending concerts and special services. Take advantage of the many local ones offered and attend one. It may inspire and move you in your music ministry and life.

With Thanksgiving over, Advent here and Christmas fast approaching, many of us have extra services, more rehearsals and more music to prepare. Plus we have family and work events and celebrations to add to our schedules—things we may enjoy or don't mind, but they make for a busy time that can become stressful or make us a bit frantic.

What do you do to make this time of year one that is easier to deal with? Maybe playing more repertoire that you've learned before and/or playing less new repertoire helps—it does for me. I decided a few years ago not to worry about playing a big postlude at my last Christmas Eve Service. In addition to lessening my load, it has made life less stressful!

Experience has taught me that stuff invariably happens—even when you plan and work your plan in advance. (Sometimes it even seems to happen even more when you've really planned!) Maybe your strongest tenor/handbell ringer, etc. is down with the flu. Or, the organ reeds have gone "wacko", and it's too late to do anything before Christmas. We can react to these things and allow them to consume us, or we can try to come up with alternatives that will improve the current situation.

I hope you are able to make time for yourself this season and allow its message to bring you peace, hope, love and joy. And, I hope you are able to reflect on why we celebrate Advent and Christmas. In the words of hymn writer Mary Louise Bringle (from the last stanza of her Advent hymn "Now the Heavens Start to Whisper"), she speaks of Christ and his presence in those less fortunate. She concludes the hymn with "teach our hearts to welcome you." Amen!

God bless!

—Mark Mathias, Dean



The mission of the American Guild of Organists is to enrich lives through organ and choral music.

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MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all who are interested in the organ. To become a member of the Toledo Chapter, contact Joan McConnell, Membership Chair.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To submit articles, news, concerts or vacant positions, contact Melissa Flowers, Secretary.

WEBSITE

www.toledoago.org

The **Toledo Museum of Art** has invited members from the AGO Toledo Chapter to play the **Dutch Cabinet Organ** from 1-2pm during the week (December 27 — January 1) as part of the **Great Art Escape** program. Here is the performance line-up:

December 27--Susan Craig

December 28--Nancy Russell

December 29--Anne Doerfler

December 30--Terry Janowski

December 31--Dr. Pamela Stover

January 1--Martha Esbin



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Wed., Jan. 4 7:00pm **Dexter Kennedy, recital** Rosary Cathedral, Toledo

This organ recital is sponsored by the Conference of Roman Catholic Cathedral Musicians as part of their annual conference.

Sat./Sun., Jan. 13/14 8:00pm **Paul Jacobs with TSO** The Peristyle, Toledo

This Toledo Symphony Orchestra performance will feature organ soloist Paul Jacobs. Plans are in the works to attend one of the performances as a group and possibly host Paul at a luncheon. (Note: Paul will also present a recital on Sun., Jan. 15 @ 2:30pm at the Peristyle.)

Sat., Mar. 4 Time TBA **Sacred Choral Music Festival** Location TBA

Area church choirs/singers will join together to rehearse and perform a mid-afternoon concert. (Directors do not need to be members of the AGO.) A list of anthems and more information will be available this fall. Bradley Pierson, Director of Choral Activities at the University of Toledo, will conduct this festival.

Sun., Mar. 19 3:00pm **Toledo AGO Student Recital** First Presbyterian, Maumee

Our student scholarship winners and other organ students will perform on First Presbyterian's three-manual Bunn-Minnick.

April/May TBA Tentative Recital and/or Workshop; Spring Banquet



JOB POSTING

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Toledo, is in need of a substitute organist to cover two services monthly. We are a small, friendly, vibrantly singing parish that appreciates fine hymn playing (LSB) and well-performed organ selections. No choir. 9:30 am Word services. Communion on the last Sunday of the month. Generous daytime practice available M-F. Consistent stipend paid immediately. Electronic, two-manual with full pedal board. Call Kelley at 419-351-6178.



If you would like your music event included in the weekly arts calendar in the **Toledo Blade**, please send the press release to classics@theblade.com at least two weeks in advance.

OBITUARY

Felix Goebel-Komala, son of the late Joseph Padang Sastrono Komala and Kathleen Klin Pualam, passed away peacefully in his home from cancer and a stroke on November 2, 2016 at 8:58 pm in Findlay, Ohio. Felix was born May 11, 1961 in Hong Kong and attended La Salle College in Hong Kong. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Music from the University of Iowa in 1983, and served in music ministry at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Detroit Lakes, MN, St. Francis Catholic Church in Moorhead, MN, and St. Philip the Apostle Church in Bakersfield, CA before coming to St. Michael the Archangel Parish in 1995 as Director of Liturgy and Music.

Felix was united in Holy Matrimony to Mary Goebel-Komala, whom he met in 1986 in Moorhead, MN, and they were married on June 14, 1987. In December 2005, they adopted a daughter, Felicity, from the Jianxin Orphanage in Nanchang, Jiangxi Province, China.

Felix was passionate about music – listening, playing, composing, performing and mentoring young musicians. Among the many compositions he created, including several hymns and Psalm settings, he is most known for his signature piece entitled “Psalm of Hope,” which is published by GIA Publications, and is sung during Masses in many Catholic parishes throughout the United States.

Additionally, Felix was an active member of the Toledo Diocesan Liturgical Commission for many years, as well as the National Association of Pastoral Musicians, and the American Guild of Organists. His knowledge of both music and Catholic worship was appreciated by many, and his expertise was highly valued.

Felix also enjoyed regular visits with family members and friends in his native Hong Kong, and he displayed his affection for his native land and its culture by the clothing he wore and the food he enjoyed.

Additionally, Felix was actively involved in the Women’s Resource Center of Hancock County, and was an avid tennis player.

Felix is survived by his wife of 29 years, Mary, and their daughter Felicity, his mother Kathleen Klin Pualam, and sisters Sussy Komala, Wilma Komala and Merly Khouw.



HANDEL'S

Messiah

SING-ALONG

Part I & Hallelujah Chorus

*Come to sing. Come to listen.
Come to get in the Christmas spirit!*

Sunday, December 11
4:00pm

*Led by the First Presbyterian Choir
and BGSU student orchestra.*

*First Presbyterian Church
126 S Church St.
Bowling Green, OH*

Admission: one non-perishable food item

UT Department of Music to present several holiday-themed concerts

The University of Toledo Department of Music will present several holiday-themed concerts this December. Some will be on campus and others will be off-campus. All are open to the public.

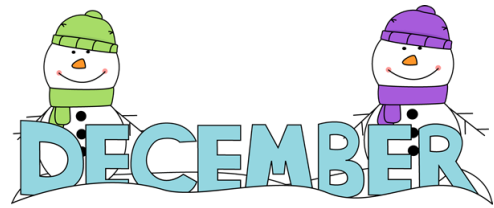
Saturday, December 3 at 7 p.m.**UT Choirs Sing the Music of Hugo Distler**

The Men's and Women's Choruses will perform selections from the Mörike Chorliederbuch - a collection of folk-song inspired works based on the poetry of Eduard Mörike. The Concert Chorale will present *Die Weihnachtsgeschichte* (The Christmas Story) a beautiful 45-minute work built on the old chorale tune "Es ist ein Ros entsprungen" (Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming).

Tickets: \$10; \$5 for Students/Seniors

Location: Doermann Theater - University Hall (UT's Main Campus)

Parking: Free in Area 1N and Area 13

**Monday, December 5 at 7 p.m.****UT Concert Chorale: Die Weihnachtsgeschichte (The Christmas Story)**

Die Weihnachtsgeschichte, op. 10 is one of Distler's most beloved works. Based on a traditional German melody, Distler created a stunning a cappella telling of the Christmas Story which epitomizes the subtle beauty of Distler's music. Premiered in 1933, this work continues to be a favorite among choirs around the world.

Tickets: \$10; \$5 for Students/Seniors

Location: Trinity Episcopal - 316 Adams St, Toledo, Ohio 43604

Thursday, December 8 at 7 p.m.**UTJazz Holiday Concert**

All the University jazz ensembles – Latin Jazz, GuitArkestra, Vocalstra, CrossCurrents (Jazz faculty ensemble) and, of course, the UTJazz Ensemble – will perform on this annual holiday concert treat. This family-friendly program for all ages will include holiday classics from Stan Kenton, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Johnny Warrington as well as many others.

Tickets: \$15; \$10 Students, Kids & Seniors

Location: Doermann Theater - University Hall (UT's Main Campus)

Parking: Free in Area 1N and Area 13

Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m.**Great Gallery Concert at the TMA: UT Concert Chorale - The Music of Hugo Distler**

The UT Concert Chorale will perform selections from Hugo Distler's *Totentanz* (Dance of the Dead) and *Die Weihnachtsgeschichte* (The Christmas Story), highlighting the best of its fall concert selections.

Admission – Free

Location: Toledo Museum of Art Great Gallery, 2445 Monroe St. Toledo, OH

TICKET ORDERING

Tickets for ticketed events can be found online at www.utoledo.Tix.com or by calling the UT Center for Performing Arts Box Office at 419.530.ARTS (2787). The CPA Box Office is open Mondays & Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from Noon to 5 p.m.

For a complete list of concerts and events presented by the UT School of Visual and Performing Arts, visit

<http://www.utoledo.edu/artsandculture/>.

AGO TOLEDO MEMBERS' DIRECTORY FOR 2016-17

I have two more corrections for the Members' Directory.

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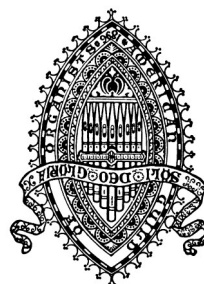
For Jane Weber, please correct her email:

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I am sending the "corrected edition" of our directory to the Web Master, so this information should be on the site very soon. Thanks for helping to proofread the directory and for alerting me to errors. I hope you have a blessed Advent and a festive Christmas!

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